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BANKING OF MONEY FOR "ChETA" : "OKh" (ADOLFO ORIVE ALBA), "Sh...",
MAKSIM's MAN (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No: 492

9 June 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

The money was passed on by me to "OKh"[ii] to be paid into the bank: however, "Sh..."[iii], on learning of this, forbade him to take the money and explained to us that the paying in of such a sum would at once attract attention to him as everyone knows that OKh lives on his salary and has no reserves. In view of this it remains to do one of two things:

1. MAKSIM's[iv] man[v], who wrote OKh letters on the ["ChETA"][vi] case, should send him a cheque for 8248 American dollars, which will come to 40,000 pesos,

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which he will pay into the bank in the name of ChETA. This will be very natural and logical. The cheque should be sent to the following address: Ing. Adolfo ORIVE ALBA, Comision Nacional de Irrigacion, Balderas 94, MEXICO D.F.[vii]
[67 groups unrecoverable]

- Footnotes:
- [i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.
 - [ii] OKh: Adolfo ORIVE ALBA; see also Footnote [vii].
 - [iii] Sh...: Vicente LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.
 - [iv] MAKSIM: Vasiliy Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN, 2nd Secretary, Soviet Embassy, WASHINGTON, D.C.
 - [v] MAKSIM's man: Presumably Michael W. BURD, NEW YORK CITY, covername "BAS", ie "BASS" : cf MEXICO CITY's No. 546 of 28 June 1944 (3/NBT/T638) (stating that "OKh" had received money remitted by "BAS" and deposited it in the name of "ChETA") and several other messages on the MEXICO CITY and NEW YORK lanes.
 - [vi] ChETA: ie "The PAIR"; Nicolas and Maria FISHER.
 - [vii] ie "Engineer [INGENERIO/ING.] Adolfo ORIVE ALBA, National Irrigation Commission, Balderas [sent as Baldepas]94, MEXICO, D.F.". Also known as Adolfo ORIVE de ALBA or Adolfo URIBE ALBA. On 1 December 1946 he was appointed Minister for Irrigation, MEXICO.
Covername "OKh" (Footnote [ii]).

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